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**AGENDA
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

12:00 PM

**700 W. MAIN STREET
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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Val Lerch, Chair
Alma Cibrian, Vice Chair
Hope Boonshaft
James Brooks
Michelle-Lynn Gallego
Zella Knight
Henry Porter Jr.

3. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Regular Meeting of October 23, 2013.

4. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives:

Employee Organizations(s) for represented employees:

Unrepresented employees

5. Report of the Executive Director

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& Better Neighborhoods**



6. **Presentation**

Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Testimonial and Presentation

Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)

7. **Public Comments**

The public may speak on matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Housing Commission. Each person is limited to three minutes.

Regular Agenda

None at this time.

8. **Housing Commissioners may provide comments or suggestions for future Agenda items.**

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

The meeting was convened at 10850 Laurel Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605.

Digest of the meeting. The Minutes are being reported seriatim. A taped record is on file at the main office of the Housing Authority.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Val Lerch at 12:11 p.m.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Henry Porter	X	
Val Lerch, Chair	X	
Zella Knight	X	
Hope Boonshaft		X
James Brooks	X	
Alma Cibrian, Vice Chair	X	
Michelle-Lynn Gallego	X	

PARTIAL LIST OF STAFF PRESENT:

Emilio Salas, Deputy Executive Director
Maria Badrakhan, Director, Housing Management
Margarita Lares, Director, Assisted Housing

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

On Motion by Commissioner Brooks, seconded by Commissioner Porter with Commissioner Knight and Gallego abstaining and one correction to the minutes, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2013 were approved.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Report of the Executive Director

Deputy Executive Director Emilio Salas reported the following:

Mr. Salas welcomed the Housing Commissioners to the Community Resource Center in the City of Whittier. He introduced Maria Gonzalez, Education Coordinator.

Maria Gonzalez, Education Coordinator welcomed the Housing Commissioners to the Community Resource Center. The Center provides members of the community with numerous services including assistance with CAL-Fresh, Medi-Cal, chiropractor services, computer education programs, homework assistance for youth and a computer lab for residents.

Mr. Salas welcomed back Commissioner Knight from an extended absence and Assisted Housing Director Margarita Lares who was not able to join the last meeting.

Mr. Salas announced that Commissioner Cibrian and Commissioner Lerch participated in the annual Run for the Fund event. The event raised \$7,500 for resident scholarships and was filmed by LA Now, a weekly news show about Los Angeles County.

Mr. Salas informed the Housing Commissioners on the current issues with the government shutdown. He stated that the Housing Authority was informed by HUD that payments would be made for the month of October, but any future payments were unknown if Congress did not approve a budget. The Housing Authority has communicated with the Section 8 landlords in regard to future payments due to the shutdown. Mr. Salas stated the Housing Authority is still unsure of what will happen to our housing programs due to continued uncertainty over the budget and there is still a possibility that we will need to terminate vouchers.

Sean Rogan, Executive Director informed the Commissioners that the Housing Authority recently was interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Al Jazeera America Television and a Tokyo Newspaper regarding the government shutdown and how it will affect our residents and landlords.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Presentation

None

Agenda Item No. 6 - Public Comments

None

Regular Agenda

On Motion by Commissioner Knight seconded by Commissioner Brooks and unanimously carried, the following was approved by the Housing Commission:

**URBAN GREENING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE GROWING EXPERIENCE AT
THE CARMELITOS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (DISTRICT 4)
AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

1. Recommend that the Board of Commissioners adopt and instruct the Chairman to sign the attached Resolution approving the Urban Greening Grant application for submission to the State of California Strategic Growth Council, and authorize the Executive Director or his designee to take any and all actions required for the implementation of the Urban Greening Grant.
2. Recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director or his designee to accept and incorporate, if awarded, up to \$50,000 in funds provided through the Urban Greening Grant into the Housing Authority's approved Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget, and to execute any documents required for this purpose.
3. Recommend that the Board of Commissioners find that the submission of a grant application is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Housing Commissioner Comments and Recommendations for Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Porter thanked staff for the Quarterly Newsletter; he appreciates the updates. He asked for an update at the next meeting on the dispute with Torres Construction at Maravilla.

Commissioner Cibrian thanked staff that coordinated the Run for the Fund event. She was very happy to participate.

Commissioner Gallego thanked staff for their continued hard work and the information that was provided.

Commissioner Brooks stated that he understood that it is a challenge to balance a potential storm with the government budget cuts. He feels that the Housing Authority is working hard to inform the residents of the possible changes.

Commissioner Knight stated that the services at the Community Resource Center (CRC) are great for the community. She appreciates that staff works with the residents even with the ongoing struggles with funding and budget constraints. Commissioner Knight has requested a full in-depth presentation on the Family Self Sufficiency program at a future meeting.

Commissioner Lerch thanked staff for coordinating the Run for the Fund event; he enjoyed participating. He also informed the Housing Commissioners that he attended the recent Growing Experience event. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

On Motion by Commissioner Porter and seconded by Commissioner Brooks, the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2013 was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



SEAN ROGAN
Executive Director
Secretary –Treasurer

Housing Authority - County of Los Angeles

November 20, 2013

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

TO: Housing Commissioners

FROM: Margarita Lares, Director
Assisted Housing Division *M. Lares*

RE: **FSS PROGRAM UPDATE – OCTOBER 2013**

The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a HUD initiative intended to assist Housing Choice Voucher Program Participants achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

ACTIVITIES

NUMBER CURRENTLY ENROLLED	596	As of October 1, 2013
NEW ENROLLMENTS	9	FSS Participants Enrolled
CONTRACTS EXPIRED	6 1	FSS Contracts Expired FSS Contract Absorbed by Long Beach PHA
DIRECT ASSISTANCE REFERRALS	121 41 413 164 50 8 2 1 106 166 1	Workforce Centers Home Ownership Program/Seminars/workshops Job referrals Educational/Vocational Services Credit Repair Services Financial Literacy Individual Deposit Accounts Transportation Assistance Health & Food Services Other Social Services Youth Services
OUTREACH & COMMUNITY EVENT	1 1 1 1	Building Community Partnership Meeting, hosted by the Department of Children and Family Services FSS Presentation at Norwalk DPSS Meeting Vision Team Meeting/Program Coordinating Committee Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority Partnership Meeting
GRADUATIONS	3	Graduations
Pending Graduations	1	Request to Graduate received

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (626) 586-1671.

ML:MP:WB:dt

Attachment

FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY (FSS) GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Listed below are brief descriptions of each category in the monthly FSS Report.

1. **Number Currently Enrolled** – Current number enrolled on the FSS program as of the date the FSS Report is presented.
2. **New Enrollments** - The number of Participants enrolled in the FSS program with an effective date on the month the FSS Report is presented.
3. **Contract Expired** – The number of participant contracts that expired at the end of the month prior to the FSS Report presented.
4. **Direct Assistance Referrals** – Referrals sent to FSS participants based on their requests and or the participant's goals needed to be accomplished prior to successfully completing the program.
5. **Outreach and Community Events** – Information that was shared with FSS participants and or events or meetings the FSS Coordinators attended.
6. **Graduations** – FSS participants that graduated last month.
7. **Pending Graduations** – FSS participants who have requested to graduate and are pending review of successful completion of goals.